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Applicant: SHIRAISHI et al.
Filed: January 14, 2004 Docket No.: 10873.1209USD1
Title: ACOUSTIC MATCHING MEMBER, ULTRASONIC TRANSDUCER,
ULTRASONIC FLOWMETER AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
THE SAME

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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Japanese reference 2559144 corresponds with GB 2 225 426.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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